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なにもかもが痛に触った。
目を逸らすことのできない「存在」に
強烈に引かれた。
最初から、そうだった——。
長谷川家の財産を狙う母親と
コウの家に入り込んだ従弟の桜司は、
酷薄なコウの態度に苛立つが…。
気高くあろうい十代が、新たに出会う。
展開の第11巻!!

"Just about everything was provoking. I was intensely drawn to the light. So much so that I couldn't take my eyes away from it. It was like that from the beginning."

KOU'S COUSIN OUJI, WHO HAS MOVED INTO THE HASEGAWA HOUSEHOLD WITH HIS MOTHER WHO IS AIMING FOR THE HASEGAWA FORTUNE, IS IRRITATED WITH KOU'S HARSH ATTITUDE...ANOTHER NEW ENCOUNTER WITH A DANGEROUS TEENAGER. PROGRESS IN VOLUME 11!!

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T/N: Irasibi is a term in Japan for the fire that is lit at night time, used to lure fish.

The story up until now...

Natsume realizes that the unpleasant feelings crawling around in both her head and body from "that day" are still not in the past. On the other hand, the "boisterous visitor" that appears before Kou is...

CHAPTER 40

THE HASEGAWA HOUSEHOLD'S SON

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THE TRUTH IS

THAT EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW BIG BRO AT THE OLD GEEZER'S MEMORIAL

I HAD ALREADY REALIZED MY DEFEAT.

UESHIMA SHUUZOU MEMORIAL
AH?
WHAT'S WITH THESE LEAVES?
Sigh

TO THINK THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT KIND OF ETIQUETTE...
HIS MOTHER
IS THE DAUGHTER OF A MISTRESS, WHO ISN'T EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE FAMILY, ISN'T SHE?
TO SUDDENLY SHOW UP WHEN THE FAMILY HEAD HAS DIED...
HAHA
SHE PROBABLY CAME HERE TO TRY TO TAKE THE MONEY.
SHE'S A LEECH.
Fwip
HUH?
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
TO MY MAMA, THE LATE UESHIMA-SAN WAS HER REAL FATHER, YOU KNOW!?
WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH HER COMING HERE TO SAY HER GOODBYES?!
OUJI,
PLEASE STOP IT.
I'M SORRY.
WE'LL BE LEAVING RIGHT AWAY, SO...

...
BUT ...WELL,
...
THOSE ARE PROBABLY FAKE TEARS.
...I FEEL NO PITY FOR FOOLS GETTING TRICKED BY LEECHES.
SHE DOES BEAR A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO FUYUMI-SAN, HIS DAUGHTER WITH HIS ACTUAL WIFE...
THAT'S WHY THEY THOUGHTLESSLY LET THE HEIR INTO THE HOUSE AS WELL
FUYUMI-SAN...
SHE PASSED AWAY AFTER MARRYING INTO THE HASEGAWA FAMILY
!
Chatter
THEY'RE HERE.
THE HASEGAWAS
...

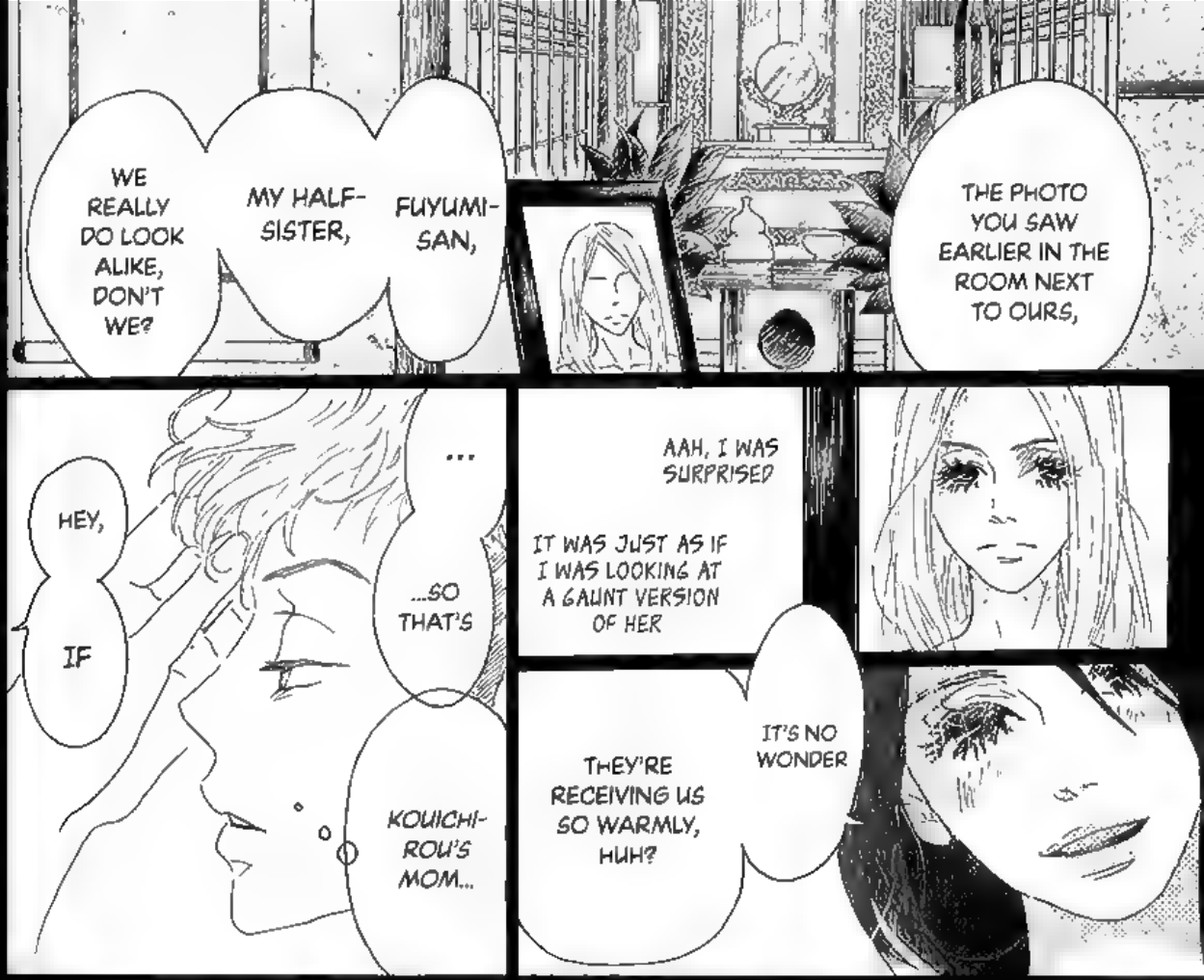
"HASEGAWA"!?
PLEASE EXCUSE US FOR BEING LATE
NO NO, THANK YOU FOR COMING EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A BUSINESS TRIP COMING UP
...
HASEGAWA KOUICHIROU FROM KAITO MIDDLE SCHOOL!?
SO THAT MEANS THAT THIS GUY IS
AS AN HEIR OF A HUGE FAMILY, THEY COVER FOR HIM NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES.
EVEN MY POPS, WHO'S IN PRISON RIGHT NOW, SAID SO!
THE GANGS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE HASE GAWA FAMILY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE DOING WELL
WHAT A TROUBLE-SOME BASTARD!
THEN IF I BEAT THIS GUY, I'LL BECOME FAMOUS ...!!
STANDS
OUJI?!

...
FU-
FUYUMI-SAN...!?
?
...
!

...OH.
KOUI-CHIROU-KUN.

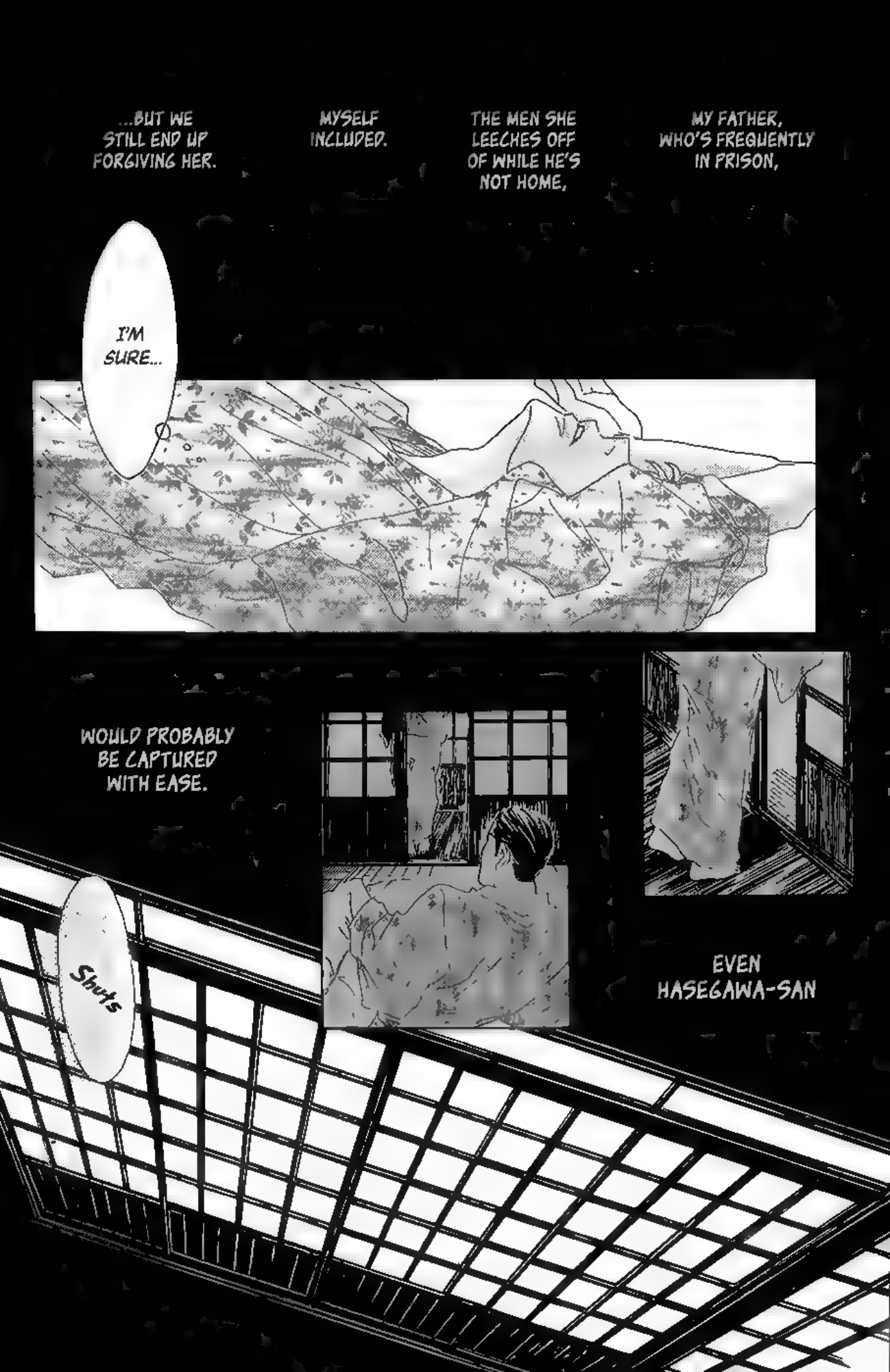
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY? HE'S SO POISED AND MATURE THAT IT MAKES ME SICK.
...
HE'S GROWN UP SPLENDIDLY
HE USED TO BE SUCH A MISCHIEVOUS BOY.
DISGUSTING!
...
HE ALREADY LEFT FIRST, HUH
...
WHAT'S WITH THAT?

I SHOULD HAVE JUST GRABBED HIM AND BEAT HIM UP WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE...
...MAMA?
..WERE YOU AWAKE?
...HEY, OUJI.


WE REALLY DO LOOK ALIKE, DON'T WE?
MY HALF-SISTER, FUYUMI-SAN,
THE PHOTO YOU SAW EARLIER IN THE ROOM NEXT TO OURS,
...
HEY, IF
...SO THAT'S
KOUICHI-ROU'S MOM...
AAH, I WAS SURPRISED
IT WAS JUST AS IF I WAS LOOKING AT A GAUNT VERSION OF HER
IT'S NO WONDER
THEY'RE RECEIVING US SO WARMLY, HUH?

I HAD BEEN THE ONE TO MARRY INTO THE HASEGAWA FAMILY
THEN YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN THE HASEGAWA HEIR.

SMILE
SHUTS
SHE MIGHT BE MY MOTHER, BUT SHE REALLY IS SHAMELESS. . SHE TRICKS MEN WITH THOSE INNOCENT SMILES AND TEARS.
SERI-OUS?
... ARE YOU
...
I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST AFTER THE OLD GEEZER'S FORTUNE,
BUT SHE WAS ACTUALLY AIMING FOR SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER


...BUT WE STILL END UP FORGIVING HER.
MYSELF INCLUDED.
THE MEN SHE LEECHES OFF OF WHILE HE'S NOT HOME,
MY FATHER, WHO'S FREQUENTLY IN PRISON,
I'M SURE...
WOULD PROBABLY BE CAPTURED WITH EASE.
EVEN HASEGAWA-SAN
Shuts

ENDLESS
THEY WILL BE LIVING HERE FROM NOW ON, IN ORDER TO ASSIST ME. PLEASE PREPARE A ROOM FOR THEM.
...
THIS IS SAIJOU KAORU-SAN
AND HER SON, OUJI-KUN.
YOU'RE BEING DECEIVED, FATHER ...!
ACCORDING TO THE DETECTIVE AGENCY, SHE ALREADY HAS A HUSBAND WHO'S IN JAIL...!!
FATHER ...!
I'M GOING BACK TO THE MAIN OFFICE.
I'LL LEAVE THEM TO YOU.
BOW
...
THIS IS MURATA-SAN, A 4TH GENERATION NANDO-KATA*

T/N: Nandokata was a job title for one of the Edo's shogunate. They would manage the attire and furniture of the General, and managed his silver/gold.

PLEASE WAIT!
STAY HERE.
AS THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSEHOLD, I'M ALLOWING IT.
Shut up
I can't watch this
DWAHA
I'M SORRY, I ENDED UP TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS KINDNESS...
LIKE I THOUGHT, WE'LL LEAVE AFTER ALL ...
HEY... MOM, THIS ISN'T A SOAP OPERA!
!?
Uu... uu...
THEY FOUND OUT.
GEH!
HOW IS HE ABUSIVE? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO COMPLETELY REDUCED HIM TO NOTHING!
!?
AND WON'T LET ME DIVORCE HIM.
HE'S ABUSIVE
IT'S TRUE ...
I'VE DISCUSSED THIS WITH MR HASEGAWA AND HE SAID HE WOULD HIDE US FROM HIM ...
YOU'RE GOING AFTER SEX AFTER ALL THIS TIME?

YO...
KOUICHI-ROU-SAN.!
WHERE WERE YOU?
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU...!!
HE'S HERE!
...
YOU WEREN'T WORRIED ABOUT ME. YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE HOUSEHOLD.
PLUS, I THINK THAT THE "HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD" SHOULD DO WHATEVER HE LIKES.
KOUICHI-ROU-SAN...
... TOUKO
DON'T DO ANYTHING UNNECESSARY.
HUH?

SOME-THING'S OFF...
WHAT WAS THAT?
Father ...!
Wait!
AH.
THAT OLD MAN DIDN'T EVEN SAY A SINGLE WORD TO THIS GUY
BRING ME A MEAL IN THE LIBRARY.
MURATA-SAN, I'M HUNGRY
HEY!
Step
step
WAIT UP, OI!
BIG BRO.
C'MON,
DON'T IGNORE ME LIKE THAT.
WE MIGHT BECOME SIBLINGS, Y'KNOW.
DON'T CARE.
TRY TO REMEMBER MY NAME AT LEAST.
I'M SAIJOU OUJI FROM AKASHI MIDDLE SCHOOL!
TO THINK THAT SUCH A VULGARITY WOULD COME ALL THE WAY HERE..
MIDDLE SCHOOL, HUH?
...

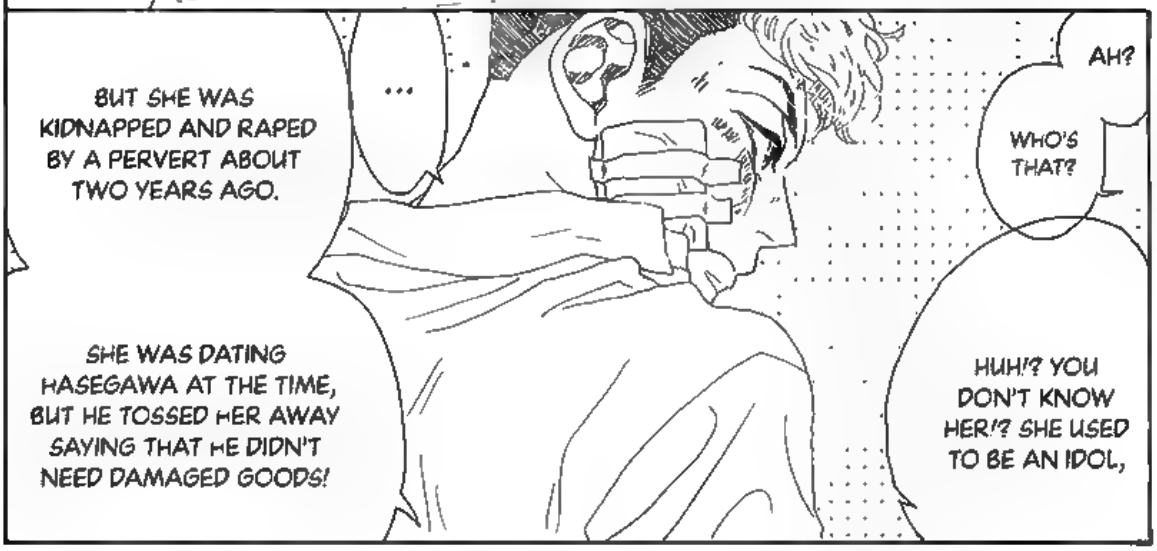
BOTH YOU AND YOUR OLD HAG OVER THERE,
YOU CAN TAKE AS MUCH AS YOU'D LIKE,
BUT CAN YOU LEAVE ME BE?
... WHAT DID YOU SAY !?
YOU BAS- TARD ...
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US !!!
OUJI!
...
WHAT'S WITH THOSE EYES!
LOOKING DOWN ON PEOPLE LIKE THAT
JUST BECAUSE HE WAS BORN INTO A WEALTHY FAMILY BY PURE LUCK!!!

SCREECH
I CAN'T SLEEP!
COME OUT, KOUICHIROU! LET'S HAVE A MATCH! WHERE ARE YOU?
O-OUJI-SAN! KOUICHIROU-SAN OFTEN LEAVES THE HOUSE AND DOESN'T COME BACK...
IF THAT'S THE CASE,

FOUND YA!
I'LL TAKE THEM ALL !!!
BOTH THE POSITION AS HEIR OF THE HASEGAWA HOUSE-HOLD AND THE TITLE OF THE STRONGEST FIGHTER,
THEN I'LL JUST BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF HIM AND MAKE HIM INTO MY SLAVE.
SMASH

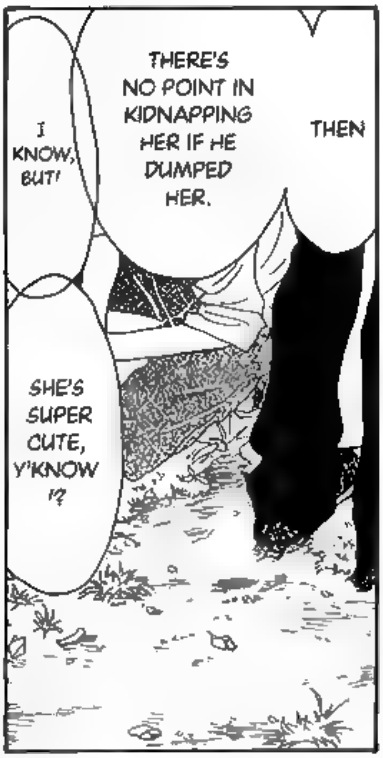
Hometown
HAHAHA
HE ISN'T ACKNOW-LEDGING YOU AT ALL!
HAHAHAHA

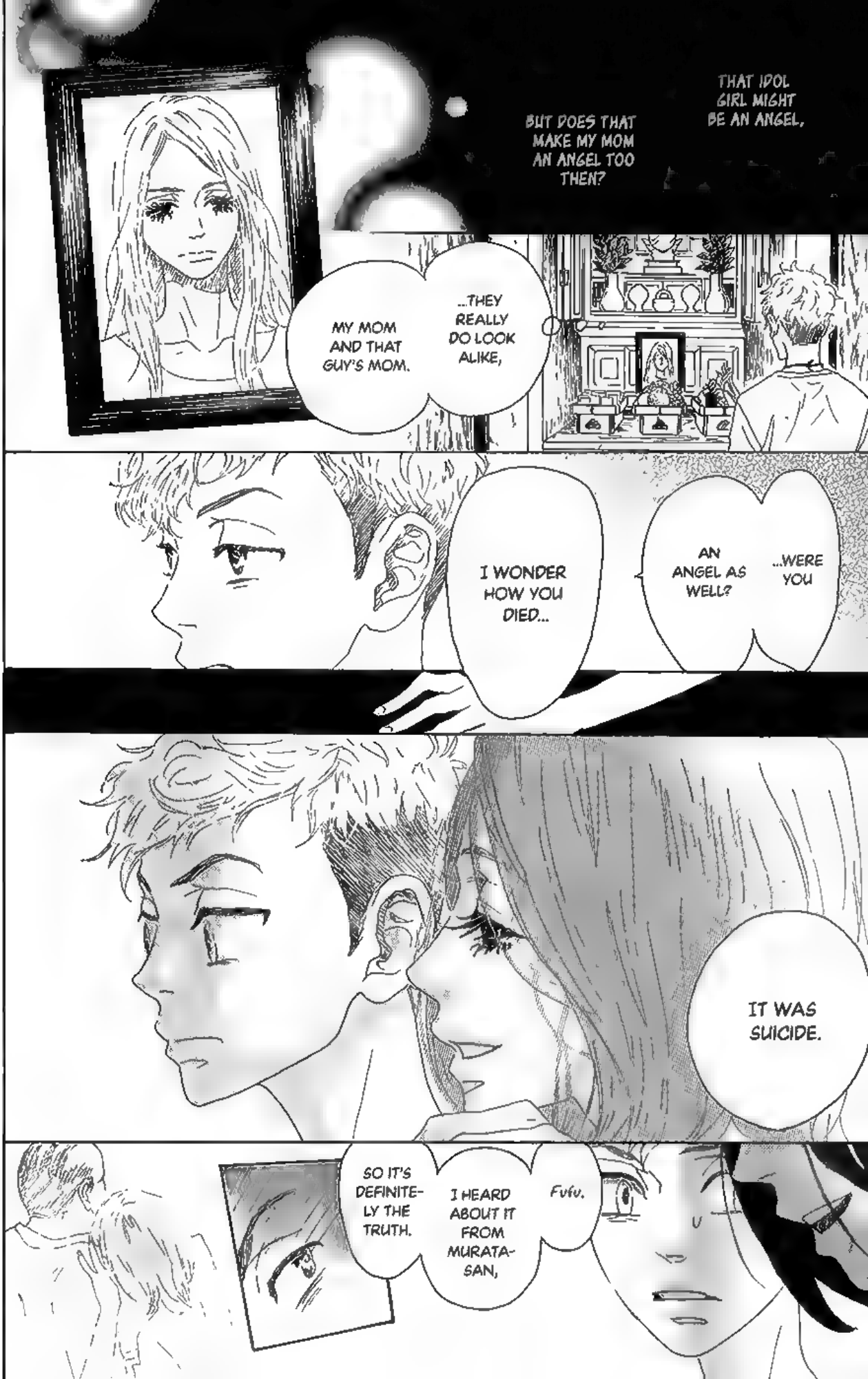
Ah! If you're gonna kidnap Michizuki, I'll help out!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST KIDNAP HIS GIRL?
WOAH, THAT'S BAD!
HE'S JUST RUNNING AWAY FROM ME..
Plus, he's a coward! Always coming at me with large groups!
...
THAT'S NOT IT


BUT SHE WAS KIDNAPPED AND RAPED BY A PERVERT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.
SHE WAS DATING HASEGAWA AT THE TIME, BUT HE TOSSED HER AWAY SAYING THAT HE DIDN'T NEED DAMAGED GOODS!
...
AH?
WHO'S THAT?
HUH!? YOU DON'T KNOW HER!? SHE USED TO BE AN IDOL,

IDIOT.
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS SHE'S CUTE.
IF SHE'S REALLY A SLUT, SHE'LL LET YOU DO HER
THAT MAKES HER AN ANGEL.

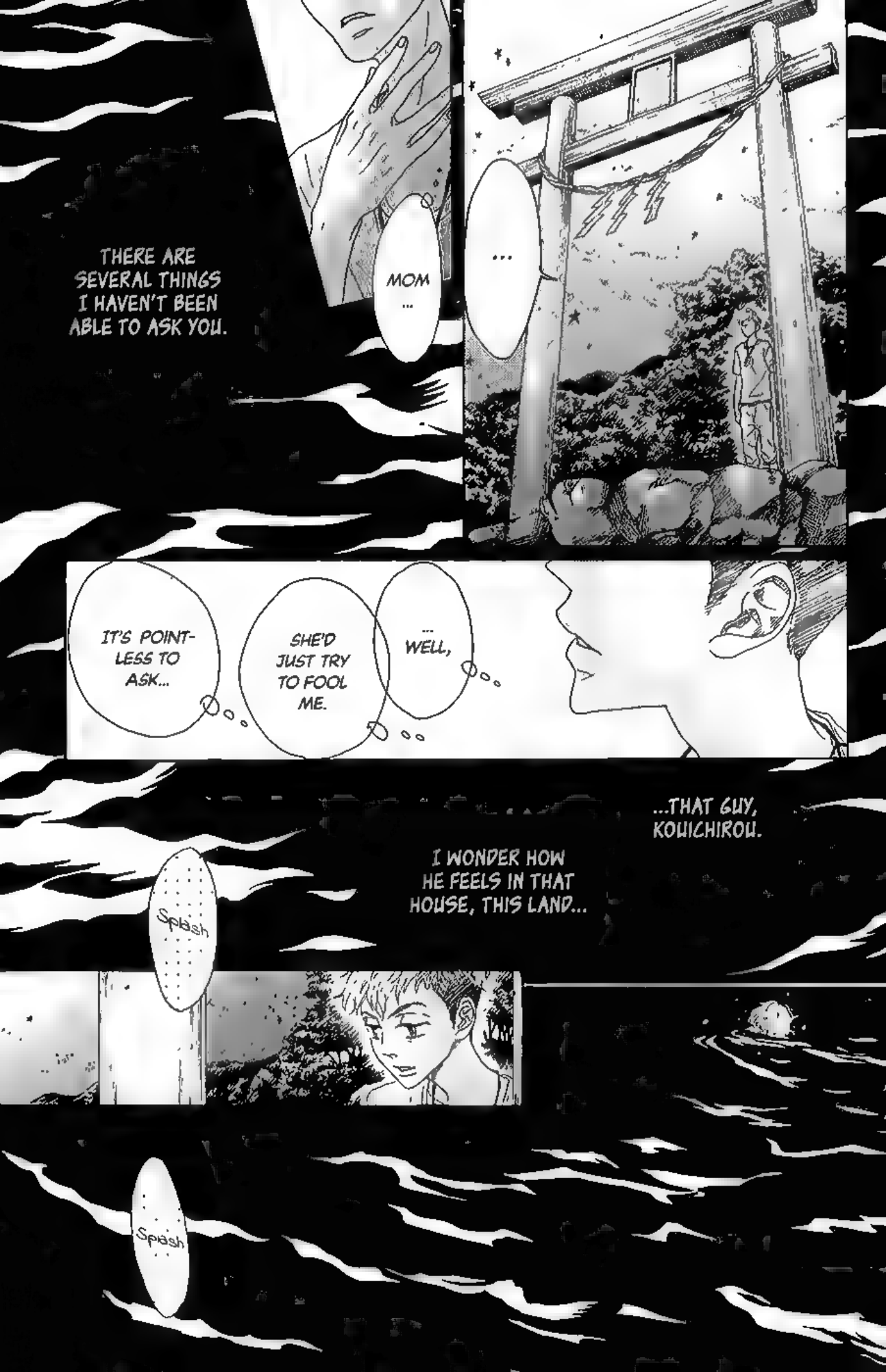
...SO SHE WAS TRYING TO BECOME AN IDOL
AND HER IDEAL MAN WAS A RICH INFLU-ENTIAL GUY
WHAT AN OUT RAGE-OUS SLUT


THEN
THERE'S NO POINT IN KIDNAPPING HER IF HE DUMPED HER.
I KNOW, BUT!
SHE'S SUPER CUTE, Y'KNOW!?


THAT IDOL GIRL MIGHT BE AN ANGEL,
BUT DOES THAT MAKE MY MOM AN ANGEL TOO THEN?
...THEY REALLY DO LOOK ALIKE,
MY MOM AND THAT GUY'S MOM.
I WONDER HOW YOU DIED...
AN ANGEL AS WELL?
...WERE YOU
IT WAS SUICIDE.
SO IT'S DEFINITE-LY THE TRUTH.
I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM MURATA-SAN,
Fufu.

THE PREVIOUS HEAD WAS AN EXTREME TYRANT.
HE WANTED TO BE THE ONE WHO CONCEIVED A BOY HIMSELF...
HE ISN'T HIS REAL SON AFTER ALL.
IT'S NO WONDER THAT THAT MAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS KOUICHIROU IS STRAINED.
THIS WOMAN BECAME CRAZY.
SHE TRIED TO STRANGLE KOUICHIROU.
THE PREVIOUS HEAD,
YOU KNOW, THIS WOMAN
HER FATHER IN LAW,
RAPED HER.
THAT'S HOW SHE GOT PREGNANT WITH KOUICHIROU.

AND THAT'S WHEN
MURATA-SAN AND THE PREVIOUS HEAD FOUND HER.
SHE RAN AWAY
BUT THE PREVIOUS HEAD CAUGHT UP TO HER.
SO SHE THREW HERSELF INTO THE "SEA OF THE GODS", AS THEY CALL IT.
THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND HER CORPSE.
WHOOSH.


THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ASK YOU.
MOM ...
...
IT'S POINT-LESS TO ASK...
SHE'D JUST TRY TO FOOL ME.
... WELL,
...THAT GUY, KOUICHIROU.
I WONDER HOW HE FEELS IN THAT HOUSE, THIS LAND...
Splash
Splash

Splash
Splash
WHA...
IDIOT, IS HE TRYING TO DIE?
IT'S SO DARK OUTSIDE.
WHAT IS HE DOING?
THEY STILL
DEATH ...
HAVEN'T FOUND HER CORPSE...
BADUMP

STAB
STAB
!
WHA
...
WHAT
IS
THIS
...
SYMPATHY!!?
COMPASSION...
...NO
WAY.
THAT'S
IDIOTIC!

LET GO!
DRAG
DRAG
THE FIRST YEAR BRAT IS HERE AGAIN!
AH!?
KOU ISN'T HERE.
BAM
HEY KOUICHIROU! I'M GONNA KILL YOU!
BANG
I NEED TO STOP IT! IT PUTS ME IN A BAD MOOD!!!
EVEN THOUGH I PREPARED THESE COWARDLY WEAPONS TODAY!
HE'S NOT HERE!!
KOUICHIROU! WHERE ARE YOU!? WHERE AM I!?
aaah
Not that I'm scared
DAMNIT! AND ON TOP OF THAT, I GOT LOST!
A CAR'S HEAD-LIGHTS
..OH

SHUDDER

Chills
!
fall
UWAA AAAA AH!!!
...U-
HEY YOU, THAT GUY IS
COUGH!!
COUGH
MY PREY!!
VROOM
COUGH
...
DID
THAT'S NOT IT...
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!!
HAVE TO SAVE HIM...!!?
DID I REALLY

...YES.
WE'LL KEEP HIM HOSPITALIZED HERE FOR NOW AND NOT ALLOW ANY VISITORS.
I'LL PREPARE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES ...
I WON'T GO EASY ON HIM, EVEN IF HE'S HOSPITALIZED!
BY THE WAY, WHICH ROOM IS HE IN!?
WOAA
AAAAAA
I DIDN'T SAVE HIM!! I DID IT IN ORDER TO SHOW HIM A WORSE HELL!!!

...
SCARY
...
ISN'T THAT GIRL THE ONE WE TRIED TO PICK UP?
... HUH?
HEY...
OI, WAIT UP!

I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO.
THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS THANK ME!
I WAS THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU, Y'KNOW!?
HEY YOU!
YOU COULD HAVE DIED, Y'KNOW ...!?
IT WAS REALLY BAD...!
...
IS SHE THE IDOL WHO WAS RAPED BY A PERVERT?
.THAT GIRL EARLIER.

HE STOPPED!
I HEARD
YOU EASILY TOSSED HER AWAY AFTER THAT!?
!
...
WHY?
I KNOW
WAS IT BECAUSE YOUR OWN MOM
WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING?
THAT SHE BECAME PREGNANT WITH YOU BECAUSE SHE WAS RAPED
...

IF THAT'S THE CASE!
THEN THAT'S WHY YOU
HE LOOKED THIS WAY!
HE'S FINALLY FACING ME DIRECTLY...!
SHOULD HAVE PROTECTED YOUR GIRLFRIEND BEFORE SOMETHING LIKE THAT EVEN HAPPENED!!

WHOOSH

AT LEAST YOU'RE FINALLY LOOKING AT ME.
HAHA!
DO IT!
DAMNIT!
I WAS CARELESS!!
!!
BAM
SHUT UP, MAMA'S BOY.
DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH THE LIKES OF YOU.
WOBBLE
DA...
...MN

WE'RE FINALLY EQUAL.
HAHAHA!
THIS IS THE FIRST STEP!
"HE DOES IT FOR THE ATTENTION."
...HUH?
"THAT'S WHY HE USES VIOLENCE."
"HE DOES IT IN ORDER TO GET HIS MOTHER'S ATTENTION."
SHUT UP...
I TOLD YOU, DON'T...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS ON YOUR OWN.
"MAMA'S BOY."

...
...
?
THAT GUY ...
I'M GOING TO KILL HIM...!!

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